

SERMON OF MR SPOONER

An Eloquent Address Sunday to the White Ribboners.

A GREAT CROWD PRESENT

The Pastor Devoted His Discourse Largely to the Evils Attendant Upon the Presence of the Saloons in a Community.

The sermon of Rev. G. H. Spooner to the White Ribboners at Trinity Sunday night was pronounced the climactic pulpit deliverance of this eloquent preacher. It was a great audience, including a large contingent of White Ribboners, who occupied a reserved section of the auditorium.

The choir singing was of a meritorious character and the prayers were intensely earnest and fervent.

The subject was "The Open Saloon," and the discourse was based on the challenge of Goliath: "I defy the armies of Israel this day."

After recounting the incidents in connection with the challenge, the speaker used Goliath as a type of the liquor giant, and declared that from the mountain tops of backslidden churches and a slumbering zeal this great evil has for years been defying the good and true. Public sentiment, largely caused by the noble White Ribbon army, has been aroused and the demand is that the saloon, which debauches society and damns the souls and bodies of men shall die.

Here followed a terrific indictment of the saloon, including some magnificent efforts at word painting and a ringing call of the church to arouse herself thoroughly and press the battle at this most critical moment in the State's history.

With strong irony, invective and ridicule, the speaker exhortated the enemy's flag of truth.

"Ah, yes, when we asked some reasonable restriction you refused. Now you suddenly change front and say we were right and you are willing to grant them! Excuse me. But now we prefer to lock the door. You have proceeded on two lines of policy—reward to your friends and fidelity in killing your political enemies. We have no friends to reward and for our enemies it is now war to the knife. The knife to the hilt and a vigorous turn! Do spare our enemy now is to invite future sorrow."

The White Ribboners crowded to the front after the benediction and heartily thanked the popular pastor for his sermon, and all were greatly pleased (many having come from the other hill and sections remote from Trinity) at the cordial reception tendered them at this old "Mother of Richmond Methodism."

Rev. Mr. Spooner will deliver another sermon on the same general subject next Sunday night.

THIS ORDINANCE LACKS A COMMA

Anti-Expectorating Measure is of no Avail in Its Present Form.

Although it has been in effect since April, 1899, nearly four years, during all of which time it has been prominently posted in the street cars and other conspicuous places, it has just been discovered that the Mills Anti-Expectorating ordinance is practically of no effect and would not hold good if put to a test in one of the courts of the State. In a word, people may expectorate upon the sidewalks of the streets with impunity, and if arrested escape conviction at the hands of the Police Court Justice, all of which is due to improper punctuation in the original ordinance.

The ordinance says it shall be unlawful for any person to expectorate upon, or throw fruit skins or peelings on the sidewalks or floors of street cars, public elevators, or public halls. It was adopted as a sanitary measure.

But owing to the improper punctuation, the failure of Mr. Mills to insert just one little comma, the feature that it was most desired to reach is not touched upon at all. People may expectorate upon the sidewalks without fear of punishment, but they cannot spit on the sidewalks of street cars, under the ordinance, even if one should be wise enough to discover just what function a street car sidewalk performs or where it is located on the great vehicle of public travel.

The comma was accidentally overlooked.



TWO STANCH FRIENDS. THE ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE EACH HAS IN THE OTHER IS BORN OF EXPERIENCE AND MUTUALITY OF INTERESTS.

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By Mr. Mills in the preparation of the ordinance, and since that time no one has taken the trouble to investigate the matter until recently, when it was discovered that before the police can be called upon to enforce the ordinance it will have to be amended by inserting a comma (,) between the words walks and or, so as to distinguish the different meanings.

The ordinance, as it now stands, follows:

1. That it shall be unlawful for any person to expectorate upon, or throw fruit skins or peelings on the sidewalks or floors of street-cars, public elevators, or public halls.
2. Any violation of this ordinance shall subject the offender to a fine of not less than two or more than five dollars.
3. It shall be the duty of the Chief of Police to have copies of this ordinance posted in conspicuous places in all street cars, public elevators, and public halls.
4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, in so far as they conflict with this ordinance, are hereby repealed.
5. This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY

Regular Monthly Meeting Held and Most Excellent Reports Were Presented.

The regular monthly meeting of the Methodist Sunday-school Society was held Sunday afternoon at Harker Memorial Church. In the absence of the president, the meeting was presided over by Mr. T. A. Harrelson, Dr. F. W. Stiff, secretary. The exercises opened with prayer by Rev. A. J. Gary and singing by the school. The schools reported as follows:

	Roll.	Attendance.	Per cent.	Collection.
Union Station	892	497	62	\$32.16
Falmouth Avenue	411	344	70	27.48
Denny Street	413	338	82	21.77
Broad Street	345	324	85	28.54
Centenary	324	216	67	24.69
Trinity	305	291	95	17.66
St. James	287	185	65	15.99
Park Place	249	133	55	10.87
Harker Memorial	181	168	93	8.01
Epworth	123	90	73	7.61
Highland Park	29	78	85	5.75
Methodist Mission	17	69	73	3.40

There were 190 visitors at the Mission school during the month who were not put on the roll.

There were 304 new scholars reported. After the reading of reports the several superintendents present made remarks regarding their schools and Rev. A. J. Gary addressed the society in a few feeling remarks on the value of Sunday-school work, and what it had done for Richmond.

The next meeting of the society will be held at Broad-Street Church the second Sunday in March and the Board of Directors will meet at the same church the fourth Sunday in this month.

Thirty-Sixth Street School.

The roll of honor for Thirty-sixth street School is as follows: Elva Bates, Edith Tyree, Florence Wharton, Verne Jenkins, Elma Bates, Fannie Lantz, Virgie Lantz, Raymond Wharton, Willy Eldridge.

MR. WELLS DISMISSED

Shooting of Ephraim Reed Was Justifiable.

JOHN JEFFERSON IS HELD

Case of Wm. Titus Went On to Saturday to Hear From Emporia Authorities—Many Cases in Police Court.

Mr. W. B. Wells was the central figure in the Police Court yesterday morning. It was through a pistol in his hand that a negro desperado named Eph Reed hit the dust, early Sunday morning, and the crowd expressed itself in grunts of approval when Justice Crutcheold dismissed Mr. Wells after the coroner's jury had rendered a verdict of justifiable shooting.

Another negro who had been mixed up in the affair in which Reed had been shot, was sent on to the grand jury on the charge of attempted highway robbery. This was the case referred to in the Times-Dispatch of Sunday, in which several negroes were alleged to have held up a white man on Mayo's bridge shortly after midnight Saturday night. Reed was said to have, in company with Amelius Mosby, stopped Mr. Wells and several companions and demanded money. Reed attempted to cut Mr. Wells with a murderous-looking knife, and in defending himself from the man and this weapon, he shot, the ball going into Reed's lungs.

At the coroner's inquest Sunday afternoon Mr. Wells was exonerated, after the testimony had been fully heard, but owing to the serious nature of the offense he was not allowed bail.

THED JEFFERSON CASE.

The case of John Jefferson alias Jeff, colored, was continued to the 12th instant for witnesses.

Jefferson is the negro who assaulted Officer Murray last September and shot at him several times. Jefferson was shot in the leg. He was caught on Sunday morning at a home in Jackson Ward, by Policemen Pottieux and E. J. Bradley. For several months Jefferson was in Newport News, keeping away from the police. He came back several days ago, and the policemen learned of it, with the arrest following.

William Titus, the Washington man who was arrested here on Sunday by Detectives Gibson and Wren on the charge of stealing forty watches from J. R. King, a jewelry drummer, at Emporia, had his case continued. The two men, says Titus, got on a spree at that place, and he took King's satchel, containing the watches and a sum of money. From information received, the detectives arrested Titus at a notorious resort in the lower part of town, and carried him to the First Police Station.

He will be held until the 14th for information from King and Emporia.

PINED FOR SHOOTING.

Joe Jefferson, colored, was fined \$100 and given twelve months in jail for shooting at Wash. Cary, and was given thirty days and fined \$50 for carrying a concealed weapon. He had been playing a game of craps with Cary and won 30 cents. When Cary refused to give it to him, he pulled the pistol and shot three times. Joe said he didn't shoot, but threw stones.

Other cases disposed of by Justice Crutcheold were: John Vase, colored, took 23 cents' worth of coal from the C. and O. and was sent down for fifteen days. He said he had seen people picking up the coal in the daytime, and he thought he'd do the same.

"I got \$1.50 to pay for it with," he said, with a grin.

But he was sent down for fifteen days, and his wife and two small children will have to hustle in the meantime.

PEACEMAKER'S TROUBLE.

James Abernathy, colored, got in trouble by trying to stop a fight, and he paid \$2.50 for being disorderly on the street.

Leroy Mahone, colored, hit James Hargrove and paid \$5 therefor.

Hattie Johnson, colored, paid \$2.50 for disorder.

Ernest Morgan and Louis Mitchell were fined \$2.50 each for throwing rocks at Charlie Hing Lee.

Gaskins Robins was fined \$5 for disorderly conduct.

William Thomas was charged \$5 for begging in the street.

Robert Morton was charged with cutting Thomas Durkins, and he will tell about it on the 12th.

Tom Cooper, colored, threatened to shoot Ben Andrews Brown. He was fined \$10 for the threat and \$50 for carrying a concealed weapon.

Mary Warren and Eleanor Roy paid \$2.50 each for fighting in the street.

Julian Thomas, a colored man, was fined \$5 and sent down for thirty days for being disorderly at a place of public worship.

George Hunter assaulted Arthur Dyon \$2.50 worth.

The National Union.

Pocharontas Council, No. 670, of the fraternal insurance order, the National

Union of America, will hold a special meeting in Elliott's Hall annex, corner Marshall and Fifth Streets, at which time the Senator of the order for Virginia will be present in the interest of the extension of the order, and as there will be something of unusual importance to every member of the council, they are urged to be present.

The question of a grand union meeting of all the councils of the city will also be acted on at this meeting.

AT GROVE AVENUE

An Eloquent Sermon Preached by Dr. Hawthorne Sunday Morning.

At the Grove-Avenue Baptist Church Sunday morning Dr. J. B. Hawthorne delivered an eloquent sermon on the subject "Christ Must Have Pre-Eminence."

Dr. Hawthorne declared that all earthly ties must be subordinate to the love for Christ. He spoke in soothing terms of those who hold their membership in the church and yet spend their life in graveness and teach their children to do the same. A paragraph from the sermon is as follows:

"I am not ignorant of the fact that there are parents in this city who, while they profess to believe in Christ, believe just enough to save them from being classed with infidels. They belong to the Church; they sometimes read the Bible and the prayer-book; they sometimes hear a sermon, and they pay pew rent. Beyond that they leave religion to the clergy. The idea of a cleansed conscience, a purified heart, a mind luminous with heavenly truth, an overflowing, masterful love for Christ and His cause, they have never entertained for a single moment. They think only of the pleasures of the passing day. They demand that their preacher shall prophesy smooth things; that he shall never utter a word to remind them that, 'for all these things, God will bring them into judgment.'"

RETURNED THANKS TO MAJOR HOWARD

Major Howard yesterday morning received a letter from James Casey, acting superintendent of police of Cincinnati, expressing on behalf of the department of the Queen City thanks for the kind letter of sympathy and regret which Major Howard sent to Cincinnati upon the occasion of the death of Superintendent of Police Philip Detsch, a few weeks ago. The letter follows:

On behalf of this department I kindly accept our thanks for your expressions of regard and esteem for our late superintendent of police, Philip Detsch, and the sympathy on account of his death.

Very truly,
JAMES CASEY,
Acting Superintendent of Police.

HOME FOR AGED

Association in Good Shape—Election of Officers.

At the annual meeting of the Association of the Hebrew Home for the Aged and Infirm at Beth Ahaba on Sunday afternoon, the association was found to be in splendid condition. Several aged beneficiaries are being cared for at the home of families.

Officers for the year were chosen as follows:

President, Henry S. Hutzler; Vice-President, Philip Whitlock; Secretary, and Treasurer, Isaac Held; Executive Board, Rev. E. N. Calisch, Julius Straus, M. Thalheimer, J. Lewis, T. H. Kaufman, M. E. Marcus, E. Milliser, A. Greentree, E. Raab; Solicitor, Sol. L. Bloomberg; Physicians, H. H. Levy, M. W. Peyser.

DR. LOUIS A. BANKS AT THE ACADEMY

Addresses Audience of Men. Dr. Donald Guthrie to Speak Sunday.

The Rev. Dr. Louis Albert Banks, the distinguished New York minister, preached three times in Richmond Sunday to large congregations.

In the afternoon at the Academy of Music a great audience of young men heard an eloquent sermon from Dr. Banks on "Hornets and Angels." He took his text from the twenty-third, twenty-eighth and thirty-third chapters of Exodus, as follows: "And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite and the Hittite before thee; and I will send an angel before thee; and the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite."

Mr. Banks told how Peter was hovering before a fire when Jesus appeared and locked at him with pity and love. It was a hornet's nest to Peter that changed his life. Peter repented of his sins. That the way God deals with us to save us. He does not let us go down our pathway without putting a hornet's nest in the way to sting us when we do wrong.

"I have no doubt that I am speaking to some young men this afternoon who are a little nervous, because the hornet's nest is stinging them. My brothers, they are

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ASSETS.	INCOME.
Bonds and Mortgages \$70,006,274.15	Premium Receipts \$53,932,423.44
Real Estate in New York, including the Equitable Building 21,754,047.44	Interest, Rents, etc. 15,074,588.81
United States, State, City and Railroad Bonds and other investments (market value over cost, \$1,073,500.00) 186,363,110.00	Income \$69,007,012.25
Loans secured by Bonds and Stocks (market value, \$1,879,891.00) 17,621,000.00	
Policy Loans 14,108,674.51	DISBURSEMENTS.
Real Estate outside of New York, including office buildings 15,439,521.31	Death Claims \$15,281,961.73
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies at interest 25,852,441.30	Endowments and deferred dividend policies 6,537,345.99
Balance due from agents 978,252.97	Annuities 708,095.00
Interest and Rents (Due \$25,500.00, Accrued \$14,929.97) 367,501.04	Surrender Values 2,185,723.03
Premiums due and in process of collection 4,527,992.00	Dividends to Policyholders 4,477,924.13
Deferred Premiums 2,376,723.00	Paid Policyholders \$29,191,250.79
Total Assets \$359,395,537.72	Commissions, advertising, postage and exchange 6,814,540.09
	All other disbursements 5,898,104.57
	Sinking Fund. Reduction of book value of Bonds purchased at a premium \$44,206.00
	Disbursements \$42,248,101.45

We hereby certify to the correctness of the above statement.
FRANCIS W. JACKSON, Auditor. H. R. COURSEN, Assistant Auditor. A. W. MAINT, Associate Auditor.

LIABILITIES.	ASSURANCE.
Assurance Fund (or Reserve) \$279,450,753.00	INSTALMENT POLICIES STATED AT THEIR COMPLETED VALUE IN
All other Liabilities 4,817,287.95	Outstanding Assurance \$1,292,446,595.00
Total Liabilities \$284,268,040.95	New Assurance \$281,249,944.00
Surplus \$75,127,496.77	

We hereby certify to the correctness of the above statement. The Reserve as per the independent valuation of the N. Y. Insurance Department, is \$277,847,000. For Superintendent's certificate see Detailed Statement.
J. G. VAN CISE, Actuary. R. G. HANNA, Assistant Actuary.

We have examined the accounts and Assets of the Society, and certify to the correctness of the foregoing statement.
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N. B.—FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS SEE DETAILED STATEMENT.

God's hornets. There is joy in heaven over one sinner repenting." Next Sunday the Rev. Dr. Donald Guthrie, formerly pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in this city, will preach to young men in the Academy of Music.

OFFERED BY THE SONS OF THE REVOLUTION

In Sunday's Times-Dispatch it was erroneously stated that the Sons of the American Revolution had made an offer of \$25 in gold for the best essay on a revolutionary subject in order to stimulate study by Virginia high school pupils of subjects relating to the Revolutionary War. The prize is offered by the Sons of the Revolution.

JUDGE WADDILL WILL DECIDE MATTER TO-DAY

Judge Waddill will to-day hand down his opinion in the United States Circuit Court in the matter of whether the Shafer building shall be condemned by the government for Federal purposes by a jury or by a commission.

No matter which method he may decide upon there will, in all likelihood, be an appeal. This matter of acquiring Shafer building for an annex to the postoffice will probably go through a series of litigations that may continue for some time.

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